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SACRAMENTO STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND

EVENT: A three-day Stand Down for homeless veterans and veterans and their families in need will take place this weekend in Sacramento. Veterans and others will have access to mental health and chemical dependency services, assistance for housing, legal issues, as well having a place where they can relax and enjoy the company of fellow veterans.

DATE: Friday, September 18 – Sunday, September 20, 2009

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to Evening
Opening Ceremony, Friday, September 18 at Noon

PLACE: Camp Pollock
1501 Northgate Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95819

WHO: Community Based Organizations, Veterans Service Organizations, CA Department of Veterans Affairs staff, veterans in need, volunteers

BACKGROUND: Stand Downs are typically one to three day events providing services to homeless veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings; California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA), United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Social Security benefits counseling; and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment.

Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between CDVA Veterans Services Division district offices (Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego), the VA, the California Employment Development Department, California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless, including the members of the California Association of Veteran Service Agencies.

The first Stand Down was organized in 1988 by Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. Since then, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless veterans, reaching more than 200,000 veterans and their family members nationwide since 1994.

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